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Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: Patricia L. Nordmeyer



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Ms. Nordmeyer,

I have received your Office Action Summary postmarked November 5, 2002. Thank you for your efforts in reviewing my application. I have attempted to answer each element in your office action as they were listed and I have used pictures of exhibits to help guide you through my answer. I have also included a marked up copy of the original claim pages, as well as clean revised pages of the corrected claims.

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Status

1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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